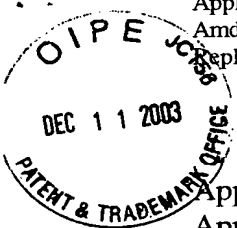


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AMENDMENT "A"

Sir:

This amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2003 (Paper No. 7). The three month period for responding to the Office Action expires on December 17, 2003. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$86 for the addition of one (1) independent claim.

Please amend the above-identified application in the following manner.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

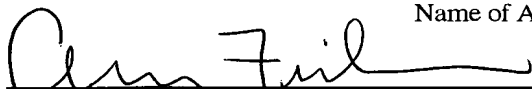
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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